cotton in Maharashtra has been adversely affected by the textile policy announced by Government; on the 6th June, 1985;

(b) whether loss of more than 50 crores of rupees per year is to, be incurred by the State as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Maharashtra Government has urged the Central Government to reconsider the matter; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

World Bank assistance for Bombay Urban Transport Project

2322. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has launched the Bombay Urban Transport Project for improving bus services within the municipal limits of Greater Bombay with World Bank assistance; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra is formulating the Bombay Urban Transport Project and have informed that they intend requesting for World Bank credit for the project. The details of the project are still being worked out by the Government of Maharashtra in consultation with concerned technical agencies.

Admission of TFAI to Union Fairs International

2323. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trade Fair Authority of India has been admitted as a member of the Union Fairs International;

(b) if so, to what extent it will help the display of improvements achieved on the products by Indian industries at the International Trade Fairs;

(c) what will be the advantage of India's membership with the world body; and

(d) whether Government have made any assessment of the role of trade fairs in boosting India's export; if so, the details of the assessment made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) By becoming a member of the Union of Fairs International, Paris the Indian International Trade Fair attains the recognition of Internaional fairs of the world and will secure all publicity abroad through the various media of UFI resuting in increased inflow of foreign exhibitors. buyers trade delegations etc. This will open up considerable oportunities for our own industries to bring about further development and adaptation of products suited to the requirement of international market.

(d) Yes, Sir. A Statement showing details is attached. (*See below*).

Statement

The display at the exhibitions organised by Trade Fair Authority of India abroad has created an impact on the general public as a whole and on the businessmen in particular in the country of exhibition. Many of the countries where exhibitions were held did not know that India had achieved so much advancement in industrial, technical and managerial fields.

Although it is not possible to measure the financial results achieved during participation in fairs in terms

of business as actual business is conducted long after the events are over, an indication of the success of participation in fairs abroad can be had from the following information relating to exhibits sold and business booked in these fairs:—

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

Year	No. of fairs	Exhibits sold	Business booked
1977-78	17	37.12	1588.04
1978-79	11	61.39	2168.58
1979-80	14	50.81	1750.37
1980-81	13	131.98	2693.95
1981-82	14	56.01	1233.85
1982-83	38	120.26	9050.41
1983-84	42	132.45	7190.90
1984-85	38	77.13	3576.38

The Trade Fair Authority of India has also been organising India International Trade Fair in Pragati Maidan every year. The business generated at these fairs is as under:—

(*Rs. in crores*)

Year	Business generated
1981	500
1982	1300
1983	1100
1984	1200

Import of agricultural commodities

2324. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to stop imports of critical agricultural commodities like edible oils and sugar if so, what will be the quantum of saving in foreign exchange as a result thereof; and

(b) what was the quantum of foreign exchange spent year-wise on their imports during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Import of essential commodities like edible oils and sugar are resorted to only to meet the gap betwen demand and supply on account of inadequacy of indigenous production. The amounts of foreign exchange spent year-wise on import of edible oils and sugar canalised through STC are given below:—

(CIF value Rs. (crores)

Year	Edible oils	Sugar
1982-83	418	No imports
1983-84	846	Do.
1984-85	1300	113.62*

*This includes one cargo sunk on high seas for which full value realised from insurers.

Opening of hotels in Nepal

2325. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open few hotels in Nepal;

(b) if so, the number of hotels proposed to be constructed by ITDC in Nepal;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government of Nepal has also given its consent to assist in the construction of these hotels; and